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SUBJECT: TEACHER'S STRIKE ENDS

1. THE STRIKE OF PERU'S PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
INITIATED BY SUTEP MAY 8 WAS FINALLY SETTLED JULY 27.
TEACHERS WILL RECEIVE A 2000 SOLES PER MONTH RAISE
(A LITTLE MORE THAN ELEVEN DOLLARS) BEGINNING IN AUGUST.
ANOTHER RAISE HAS BEEN PROMISED FOR JANUARY 1979. (THESE
RAISES WERE REPORTEDLY PROGRAMMED AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE IMF.) FIRED TEACHERS WILL BE REHIRED, DETAINED TEACHERS
RELEASED AND MOST LEGAL CHARGES AGAINST STRIKE LEADERS
DROPPED. THE GOP WILL RECOGNIZE SUTEP FORMALLY AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE, I.E., GRANT IT A LEGAL PERSONALITY.

2. CLASSES WILL RESUME JULY 31 AND THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL
NOT BE "LOST" ACCORDING TO BOTH THE TEACHERS AND GOP
OFFICIALS. MONEY WITHHELD FROM STRIKES TEACHERS DURING
MAY, JUNE AND JULY APPARENTLY WILL BE MADE-UP IN AUGUST
AS RECOMPENSE FOR EXTRA WORK BY TEACHERS TO MEET REQUIREMENTS
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FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

3. COMMENT: GOP RECOGNITION OF SUTEP WAS A MAJOR VICTORY
FOR THAT UNION AND ITS LEADERSHIP. APPARENTLY THE APRISTA
GROUP WITHIN SUTEP FINALLY DECIDED THAT A CHALLENGE TO THE
LEADERSHIP DURING THE STRIKE WOULD HAVE ALIENATED THE
RANK-AND-FILE AS THE STRIKERS MAINTAINED INTERNAL SUPPORT

AND GAINED CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC SYMPATHY. FOR ITS PART THE
GOP PROBABLY WAS RELIEVED TO SEE THIS ISSUE RESOLVED BEFORE
THE CONSITTUENT ASSEMBLY OPENED.
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